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The Aromas Home of the Month

Owned by Mr. and Mrs. John Netto, Rogge Lane



By Melecey Taylor

It isn't easy for a woman to be a good hostess to inquisitive strangers at 10 a.m., yet MRS. JOHN S. NETTO of Rt. 1, was just that when we called, and gladly showed us her home. This is L shaped and for quality of construction and wisdom of design for use by a large "mixed" family, wants some beating. Let us go to the back door. Right, facing the porch entrance, is a deep sink. How sensible, when father works on the land, tending apricots and apples and where there were once children! Here is a huge cupboard holding the water heater, logs and cleaning utensils. From here, we enter a large, bright kitchen. ceiling ventilated, having "compe-"tent" cupboards and sink fittings finished in yellow tiles, red bordered. Ahead, is the window dining nook, white painted, with deep red corner decoration and "chest-cum-seat." Most unusual! All floors are hardwood, but the kitchen part is inlaid linoleum covered. On the right, is the quiet, carpeted dining room. The left corner of this has an archway which also "hosts" the front door lobby and entrance to the large bay-windowed living room, facing the road. All walls are of texture plaster which gives an illusion of satin finish in varying colours. By a clever inner passage arrangement, bath and bedrooms are reached with privacy from all parts. This passage also houses the large linen closet. All three bedrooms are spacious with large clothes closets, well, but not over dressed. The bathroom has tiled floor and ceiling with matching equipment in an unusual shade of pink.

For family use, the basement is the piece de resistance, extending the whole area of the house. Here one sees the good foundation work, two furnaces, deep freeze and preserve cupboard; but, its chief attraction to my mind is that here, each mem-

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Outside Of Your Home

By Mildred German

LET'S LIVE OUT OF DOORS

A small area set aside for Patio or open air living room is coveted by all home owners.

If thoughtfully planned it graciously expands the floor space of the home for about eight months in our section of California.

An important first to consider is location. Do plan it near a doorway. If possible, have a window of the kitchen open into this outdoor enclosure. This will facilitate ease in serving food as well as in the clean-up chores after a meal. Small children can play happily in this area with mother doing indoor chores. A glance through the window assures a loving mother her offspring is safe and content. It is well to have the floor of the area raised a few inches and gently slope away from the house. A surface of small smooth river rock packed with coarse sand will always be dry.

Perfect Drainage Is At All Times Important

Later in the year you will want to hose down this area to freshen it up. You will appreciate a surface that acts like a sieve.

The height of the water or solid fence is up to the builder. High enough to protect from our tide winds, still let in the sun and air.

Build a covered sand box for the wee family members. The sand he spills (or she) is nothing to worry about. Let's build it 12 to 18 inches high and when the children out-grow it, fill it with potted hearty plants. The old fashioned ones! And then each spring fill it to brimming fullness with happy faced pansies.

I like a portable barbecue, (the simpler the better) to broil the meat and vegetables for outdoor meals. **But** my coffee made the usual perfect way

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Addison Molyneux Missed by Staff

Our Advertising Manager, Addison Molyneux, is now teaching Industrial Arts at the Soledad Prison, which makes it impossible for him to continue his work on the Booster. He was an "Advertising man de luxe" and his work is certainly missed. When we realize that it takes $85 worth of advertising each month to finance this greedy little monster, we see that the Advertising Manager really has to hustle. We have lost many of our advertisers because AROMANS DO NOT MENTION THE BOOSTER WHEN TRADING WITH THEM.

Our good wishes to Addison Molyneux in his new position and welcome to Leo Herrlich as the Advertising man on our staff.

Editorial

The Gymnasium is on its way! There is now a Gymnasium fund and there is money in it! The girls of the T. H. H. Club have undertaken the initiative of raising money to build a gymnasium for Aromas. Let us hope now that every organization will join with the girls and concentrate on this project for the next few years.

If we all go off on our own little deals, we may accomplish them, yes, but what have we? It is only when we all unite and work for the same thing that we can do something really worth while.

Much is said today that too much is done for the Young People and that they grow to expect it. Here is a fine group of girls of which Aromas can certainly be proud, venturing out to do for themselves and for posterity what they see needs to be done. HATS OFF TO THEM!

They are taking the lead, but WE'RE ALL GOING TO SEE THEM THROUGH. By proper planning, proper coordination, and proper cooperation we can build a community center here which will make a New Aromas. We need to get COMMUNITY CENTERED.

What's Doing at the A.I.A.

OUR COMMUNITY CENTER

At the January meeting of the Aromas Improvement Association it was definitely determined that the Blohm Avenue School must be advertised for sale to satisfy agreement made with the State of California, in order to secure a loan from the State for the construction of the new Aromas Joint Union School. This is in accordance with the usual procedure in all communities building new buildings with State money.

To retain the Blohm Avenue School for community use will require devising some plan of financing, either public or private, to meet the required bid when the property is advertised for sale.

Any plan for keeping our community center will require cooperation of all citizens of our community. Unless we have the whole-hearted support of the whole Aromas citizenship on our community center it will pass from our control through public sale.

Every taxpayer in Aromas should in interested in the fate of the Blohm Avenue School.

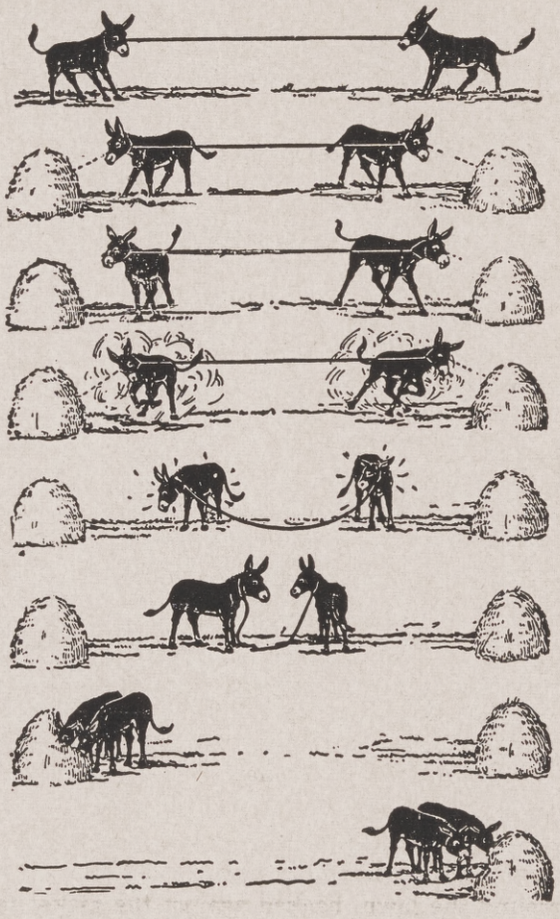
Do you want to develop some plan to keep your building for your community center?

The February meeting of the A.I.A. will be devoted to discussing the community center and its future.

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We're sorry for the mistake in the spelling of your name in the January ad. We wish to thank you, first of all for your ad, and also for being so gracious concerning the mistake, which shows us and our readers that you are a fine person to deal with.

We Must Get Together



On Our Civic Center

(Including a Gymnasium)

Keep Informed

By Walter Reed

In the hustle and bustle of our daily ilfe we are likely to overlook things going on in our own community. Newspapers and the radio keep us informed of National and State events, but we rely on gossip and heresay for knowledge of local events.

We believe it is the duty of every citizen and taxpayer to keep informed of the transactions carried on in their name by local governmental agencies. Regular meetings are held by all agencies supported by the taxpayer. If you do not take an interest in keeping informed as to what is going on by attending meetings to get first hand information, you should not criticize what might be done in your name as a citizen or a taxpayer.

Better community understanding will develop if **you keep informed.**

THE PLANT EXCHANGE IS NOW IN OPERATION

Wayne and Ethel Cook have made and placed by the bulletin board a fine bin table to be used as a self operating PLANT EXCHANGE. Everyone is urged to bring plants they would otherwise throw away to the table to be taken by anyone who needs them. This is a give-and-take enterprise and it's success depends on US ALL.

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Gardeners, Species Feminine

Last month we promised to feature some of the ladies of Aromas who do a bang up job of gardening single handedly and here they are, folks!

Teresa White lives on Rogge Lane, across the bridge in a Charmingly shuttered green home with a beautiful yard, surrounded by a white picket fence. Mrs. White says that she is going in more and more for shrubs so she "won't have so much shovelling." She has a great number of roses, her favorite being a climbing PEACE, which is breathtaking in it's beauty. Chrysanthemums, dahlias, and other flowers surround the lawn, backed against the picket fence —a picture at every season of the year.

'Whitey's' yard always looks beautiful although she works all day and every day at the Aromas Shopping Center. HATS OFF TO HER!

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Marjorie Hitchings, on Dunbarton Road, Carneros District, has a large garden which her friends jokingly term, "Hell's half acre" as they see the work but not the joy which goes into it. Many pyracanthas surround the lawn and Marjorie says she intends to keep on having more. Her flower gardens are of the informal, old fashioned variety designed to enhance her rambling home. A bank of daffodills rises above a large pond which acts as a rain catcher in winter.

This is an exceptional job of gardening, Marj., and your yard makes our mouths water.

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Emma Nicholson, also of Carneros District, San Juan Road, has a large and lovely old fashioned informal garden. Neat paths go rambling between beds of bright flowers. Old rugged oak trees frame this lovely spot, planted and cared for by Emma.

On the practical side, MARY NICHOLSON raises a large and wonderful vegetable garden, which is also a fine accomplishment—to keep the table

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"JUST THINKING"

I have often wondered how Seely Avenue got its name. Was it because my grandfather cleared land of scrub oak and brush and planted out a forty acre apricot orchard, the trees starting from plum root stock? Was it because my father shipped the first blackberries from Aromas to the market in San Francisco? It seems those who live on the Avenue like the name, and wish to keep it. This of course, pleases me, because they honor men who were pioneers in Aromas in this way.

Those who clear the first land, break the first sod, anywhere, have to have strength, physical and spiritual.

A few years ago fresh markers, sign-boards on posts, were put on Seely Avenue and on Snyder Avenue. This work by someone pleased me greatly, because the name of Seely was on the map—of Aromas, consciousness and historical association. A few months later the Seely sign was down, (Trampelled in the dust by a burning headlight and a shock absorbing bumper, no doubt), a supposition of mine, though the Snyder sign remained perfect.

Mr. Ewing, a newcomer to Aromas, and I were talking recently, and he expressed the view that the avenue he lived on was listed as Carneros Road on his property deed and he intended to see it marked that way, to protect his property right. Mentioning this to Harold Hitchings, Jr., living on this avenue, brought the retort, "That isn't right. The road is Holman Road, map or no map."

What is the name of the road? I knew the Holman's well, when they lived on the brow of the hill, and they were gracious hosts, sincere friends to me and my parents. Wouldn't it be nice to recognize this road as Holman Road rather than keep the name of Carneros, which I have always associated with The Rocks district. Carneros is old history and old hat. The part the Holman's played in bringing prestige to Aromas is ever new, because, after suceeding in milk, swne and dried apricot production they had vision enough to build a challet in the Carmel Valley, where an expensive cousine, and hostelry, is part of vacationing in the highlands. —Donald Seely

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Quotes of the Month

Mildred German: "What has happened to Inside Your Home" by Edna Breslawsky? I look forward to these helpful articles written by a professional and feel we are very fortunate to have her on the staff."

Melecey Taylor: (At A. I. A. Meeting) "Aromas has the **best kids** I have ever seen any place. They are **so good,** that if we hadn't been here a whole year, we'd be wondering what was cooking."

Also by **Melecey:** "Aromas is more like an English village than any place I've seen outside of England."

Lucy Fly: (At close of A.I.A. meeting) "That's what I call good entertainment!"

Bev. Cox: (From a letter to the Editor) "Just a line to let you know I received your Aromas Booster and liked it very much. It is quite a paper. I appreciate your sending it and hope I receive it regularly.

I don't get much free time with the grocery store and the apricot ranch but I did get down that way a couple of weeks ago. I was surprised to see how the town has grown. It is becoming quite a little community.

I guess you know I have a son now, William Gregory, 7 months and all boy.

Thanks again for the Booster, it is wonderful receiving news from the home town. Enclosed find $1.00 and the coupon for the A. I. A."

Editor's note: Bev, later known as William, owns the Lone Tree Grocery at Brentwood, California. Thanks for your interest, Bev. and you'll surely receive your paper.

George Silliman: It's a good thing to campaign against paper throwing on the streets, but how about garbage dumping in our lovely country lanes? Can't we do something to encourage folks to keep our back streets as well as our Main streets beautiful?

Editor's note: You said it, George!

HOW ABOUT THAT FOLKS

To most of us it's just unthinkable that anyone should take their own tin cans and rubbish out and dump it along a public road. But even with an efficient Garbage service, and a FREE county dump, some people are doing it. We don't believe there's much hope for folks like that. It is a law violation. It is an act of good citizenship to report any one seen committing such act.

Let's get mad and put a stop to it!

Aromas On Parade

Last year the Hobby and Art Show attracted a great deal of attention and Aromans were both proud and astonished at what they could produce.

The idea is growing that we should really Parade Aromas and make the show a Spring Festival. The three days of the show to include a Garden Tour to some of the lovely Aromas Gardens, Open house with visits to outstanding homes, a village choir to choral the harmony of Aromas and to give everyone who loves to sing a chance, a Folk Dance Festival and a Little Theatre Play; all in conjunction with the Art and Hobby show and each division sponsored by a different organization. Plans will be complete by the next issue.

Get your Hobbies and Art Exhibits ready! The Show will be in April. **Don't say "No" when you are asked to help!**

This year the show will be held in the Blohm Avenue School. The Arcade will serve as a stage and the back yard for folk dancing at which everyone will be invited to participate.

While no admission will be charged let us keep one eye on ways to bring in money for our **Gymnasium fund.**

Notice

Photograph albums used to be popular, and were found in many a home. If you have any interesting photographs, prints or negatives, please contact me, if you wish to be represented in THE PHOTOGRAPHY DIVISION OF THE HOBBY SHOW to be held in April, 1953. I ame in dead earnest about this endeavor on my part to collect a representative number of large photographs, matted, and on display, with the assistance of CARL SNYDER who is well known to many of you.

DONALD SEELY—Telephone 4-4911

(Donald is Chairman of the Photography exhibit.) If any of the other chairmen wish to run notices next month they will be welcome. Notices must reach the Editor before the twentieth of February.

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Who's New In Aromas

By Tiny Cook

Moving into our Community in the last few months are the new families and their children with hopes and dreams of finding our green, fertile valley and hills a good place to live. We extend to them a warm welcome and sincere greetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Pinkston and Son Michael, seven months, of Ben Lomond, California.

Gregg and Patricia are indeed a charming and talented young couple. Pat (an Irish Lass,) received her M. A. Degree from the Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas in Journalism. She has just finished a book and it is in the hands of the publishers and will be out soon. With your wit and personality it is bound to be a success. (We hope to have her on the staff of the Aromas Booster.

Gregg is a graduate of Berkley U., with a major in Music.

Gregg and Pat have purchased the Goellner place on the Aromitas Road, and moved in, January 10. They are busy with plans of redecorating, and are pleased with the beautiful view from their many windows overlooking the valley.

Gregg plans on removal of trees for permanent pasture, and redoing the guest house for a rental. At the present time Gregg is employed as Maintenance for the Fresh Frozen in Watsonville.

A beautiful English Springer Spaniel (Mickey) of noted lineage completes the family circle.

Walter and Geraldine Scell and their three lovely children, Darline 6, Richard 4, and Baby Mitchell 10 months, formerly of the Hall district are now living on Carr Avenue on the Fly ranch.

Mr. Scell is employed at the Granite Plant. We wish them success in locating here, as they find Aromas an ideal spot.

Mr. and Mrs. Deward J. Garcia and two children Teresa Ann, two, Christine Lynn, one, are now residing on the Chas. P. Sambraillo and Son's ranch.

Mr. Garcia is employed at the ranch which is stocked with registered Hereferds. Edward and Evelyn are from the Elkhorn district and attend Salinas and Watsonville Schools. Their hope is of owning their own ranch. Evelyn is busy on plans for her yard.

This lovely old ranch was once a stopping place for the early settlers where they rendered the tallow from hides and mixed it with ashes. The old soap pits are still partly visible.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Overman of Englewood, California, having purchased the Beasley place on Seeley Avenue are getting settled. They are delighted with their location and their well-established yard. Harry had the misfortune of injuring his shoulder and arm, and is unable to work, but happy to meet such wonderful neighbors so ready to give a helping hand and says, "It's the first time in my life I've been helped to move in to a new location."

The Overmans have five married children, Rev ren, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Renfroe of Salinas, a son and Mrs. Wm. Renfroe of Salinas, a son R. J. Renfroe, a missionary in Menrovia, Africa, W. B. Renfroe of Seattle, Washington, and the proud grandparents of 15 grand children.

Formerly in the trucking business in Englewood, will conduct a trucking, leveling and skip loading jobs here. Wishing you all success.

Mr. and Mrs. Overman are related to our principal and wife, Mr. and Mrs. George Priest.

(To be Continued Next Month)

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JUST THINKING

A word of farewell and a silent tear for the beautiful Pepper trees on Blohm Avenue. They tell us they had to go, but to those of us who have the time to admire and love them, it was nothing short of a tragedy.

I have known Aromas for over twenty years and my first thought has always been for the lovely trees.

Of later months I have had the privelege of living in sight of them and have noticed how many others have appreciated them as well as myself.

I have visitors from many places and I have noted also, that not one of them fails to voice their admiration and appreciation of them as they leave my door.

In the summer months they were a mecca to strangers that were traveling through and many folks stopped to rest in their shade.

So I feel, and I know that many others do also, that Aromas has lost a bit of its beauty and charm in the sacrifice of those lovely trees, that took so many years to grow.

Might I say in closing that we are grateful for the two that remain. —Mrs. Sadie Warren

Editor's note: A word of cheer, Mrs. Warren. I have yet to see a fire house in any town that was not a beauty spot there-in—that of Felton is a notable example. Give our boys time to get their landscaping and remodelling done and I'm sure you'll have something beautiful to view.

I guess we all felt the same way about it. We're all grateful that two of the Pepper trees remain. They are a symbol of Aromas of the past. A beautifully landscaped and well appointed fire house will be symbol of Aromas of the future.

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Nods to Aromans

By Melecey Taylor

Isn't SPRING the best tme of the year, with daffodils and China Lillies a-blooming in the gardens? By the way, we back home, call the latter jonquils, and acacia, mimosa and import quantities of the latter from the south of France at high cost. Yet, here, I wonder how many notice the perfume and dainty delight.

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Note that the Bixler homes on Carpenteria Avenue are now finished with their coats of paint and picket fences. How fresh they look

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So does the house with blue fixings, after the Dutch style.

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Like the J. W. Everitt name sign and paper box. I wonder, is the paper really put in this?

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Notice clearing of land just by the bridge and the building of the new home for Mrs. Dolan Marshall's parents.

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Between John's sciatica and awkward hours of work (and my inability to drive) touring round has been a problem; but have other plans for future use.

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Anyway, I would like the Editor not to cut these nods, just because they are to her and her husband. I gather that the first idea of a paper came from this quarter and feel it right to applaud vision, particularly if this becomes fact. It is true. Without vision we must perish for one has either to go forward or back and only dreams with hope (and work) can get us ahead; and not only in the material sense.

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How fortunate Aromas is to have such a fine little group of teen-agers! The T. H. H. Group. Let us give them a nod. Are the boys going to be outdone in this line and let the girls get going alone?

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John says: "What has become of the STOP sign in Aromas? Sometimes it's there and sometimes it isn't. Just now it isn't! Let's all be careful not to have any accidents!"

Don't Forget

To . . .

1. **Patronize our Advertisers.**
2. Get your hobbies and collections ready for the show in April.
3. Take the pictures of your home for the "Before and After" series this fall.
4. Keep after the children (?) about throwing down papers and trash. "It's a sin against our beautiful America."
5. Send in your coupon if you want to HELP THE AROMAS BOOSTER.
6. Write your ideas to the BOOSTER.
7. **Give** yourself to at least one Aromas organization, and get in there and START PITCHING! We need every person in Aromas working together for the good of us all.
8. Get your gardens ready for the Tour.

Notice of Coming Events

The **Aromas Improvement Association** will meet this Wednesday, February 11, 8:00 o'clock, Blohm Avenue School. Critical subject, "How to organize to save the old school for a Civic Center." For more about this meeting see "On Our Way With A.I.A." If you love Aromas, show it by your attendance!

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T.H.H. TO GIVE FIRST BENEFIT FOR GYM

The T.H.H. Club is giving a dance February 21, at the Grange Hall, benefit of the Aromas Gym." Teen Agers only are to be admitted. Admission: stags thirty cents, an dcouples fifty cents. The dancing starts at eight o'clock and ends at one. Refreshments will be served!

Aromas Has New Shop

Another place of business has been added in Aromas—The "AROMAS BEAUTY SHOP", owned and operated by MRS. PAUL MAHLER, nee Bonnie Marshall. Bonnie really knows her business and has the proper community spirit. In January, she taught the Girl Scouts of Troop 29, how to care for their hair, skin and nails. Using Donna Webb as a model, Mrs. Mahler demonstrated how to brush, shampoo, and set the hair. The girls benefited greatly by the lessons learned.

So—remember to patronize home industry when the services of a beauty operator are required.

GOOD LUCK, BONNIE!

HOW'S YOUR AVENUE

A garden tour held during the Hobby and Art show will take hundreds of strangers up all of our Avenues. People will see Aromas as they have never seen it before. Let's have every unsightly thing cleaned up and each street as attractive as we can possibly make it by APRIL. One or two eye-sores spoil a whole street!

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GARDENERS, SPECIES FEMININE

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Mary Fenwick on Blohm Avenue has a picket fence enclosed yard, one of whose features is a beautiful old redwood tree. Some issues ago, we talked about the fences of Aromas which used to be covered with rambling roses. Please watch Mary's this spring.

This wonderful old rose was planted by Mary's husband, Donald, when they first moved to Aromas and now it rambles over fences and barns with rosy pink abandon and perfumes the neighborhood. Our hand of fellowship to Mary who has steadfastly refused to cut it down! Don't Ever. (Pretty sure she'd give cuttings to people who want to revive the old rose-covered fences, and NOW IS THE TIME TO PUT THEM IN.) Mary keeps her yard by herself although she is a busy lady doing a wonderful job with our youngest fry, the kindergarteners.

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Edna Breslawsky has a new garden and hers shows what can be done with ground covering shrubs and accent trees, in relating the garden to the house and the beautiful natural setting which she has. She's doing a man sized job, what with building her own home, her interior designing business, and the help she so freely gives in the community. We appreciate you, Edna.

We hope to visit all of these gardens and many more in the Spring Garden Tour.

Inasmuch as all of these will undoubtedly be "HOMES OF THE MONTH" at some future time, I reserved much that could have been said about them.

The majority of our gardens are maintained as a cooperative enterprise by the men and women of the households, and these will be treated at various times by our OUTSIDE OF THE HOME Editor.

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HOME OF THE MONTH

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ber of the family can keep the treasures which the other members think should be thrown out!

Out side is a patio with barbecue pit at the back. On one side, a beautiful shaded lily decorated fishpond and in front, MRS. NETTO is trying to coax a reluctant rhododendron to emulate its beautiful neighbor, a camelia.

MR. NETTO came from Portugal when 18 years of age, MRS. NETTO when a little girl; both came here from Santa Clara 22 years ago, and built this house in 1949 from their own plans. From their native land they brought the traditional habit of work and love of craftmanship. Have you ever seen samples of exquisite Portugese needlework? The NETTO'S have six children, three of each, whose ages range from 30 to 17 years. Only the youngest, MADELINE, is home, but four of the others, DOLORES, EVELYN, JOHN and GEORGE are nearby, and EDDIE in Florida. Most of us want to be perfect parents and raise a fine family. Many fail to reach their own standard, but here is a HOME. From Portugal has come a grand contribution to this country—A family whose parents have truly tried to train their children to be good citizens and who have the reward of knowing that all SIX are worth while. Let us salute this family in their well-doing. May they live long to enjoy the fruits of their labours with the respect and admiration of their fellows!

HERE'S A GAME OF THE IMAGINATION. TRY IT!

Take all of the trees out of Carmel. You now have something like Aromas, don't you? Now reverse the procedure, and put all of Carmel's pines and other evergreen in Aromas. It looks pretty nice now, don't you think? Just like Carmel.

A New Column for the Booster

Surely, as you read the Aromas Booster, thoughts concerning the past, present or future must come to you. Why not sit right down and write them in to the Editor for publication under "JUST THINKING." We're delighted to have an article this month from Don Seely and one from Sadie Warren. There are more to come and they are good reading.

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OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME

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and at the last minute slid out the window to join the crusty bread and the heaping salad bowl at the sturdy home made patio table and benches . . . Mmm . . . beaming faces of the family and friends make you feel the planning and work is well rewarded.

An addition of an egg crate type shade over a few comfy garden chairs will coax father and his Sunday papers in to a relaxed and much needed lazy mood.

Now that we have the floor surfaced and the walls erected let's talk about the choice of plants you might want to use for the expanded living area.

Let's keep the planting beds small—not over 18 inches wide. Raised beds are best. Easier to care for and give an orderly feeling. We use loam with compost or leaf mold and coarse sharp sand. Mix well and then plant small shrubs and plants that grow compact by nature. If you have wanted to try pyracanthas espaliered (full sun) or the beautiful white Doves Camellia, a patio wall is ideal for them. Place the White Dove on the shaded wall. Tuck in low growing Azalea plants in shades, placing pots of tiny leaved ivy between to fill in and gracefully grow over the edge. Use pink or rose fiberous begonias as background for trailing blue Lobelia. Plant these in full sun. If water is a problem, plant succulent in the sun spots and ivy in the shade. We are due for an early spring, (according to our weather vane!) so build your outdoor living room and plan to live and entertain in it constantly. A merry toned bell secured to the gate will welcome your guests or bid them fond adeau.

Plants for Easy Growing In the Garden Proper

BLUE PLEROMIA: Full sun gives plenty of room. Protect from frost when young.

CREPE MYRTLE: Pink or rose, full sun, small tree, hardy.

KERRIA: Shrub for back ground. Yellow rosettes in spring beautiful green foliage, hardy.

For an Oh and Ah Effect

Border a rear walk or kitchen garden with ornamental cotton. Annual, full sun.

Don't forget the value of mint sprigs planted in a rear entrance. When stepped on its spice is reminisient of the gardens of by-gone days. It clips back beautifully and walking on it doesn't discourage it a bit.

Now is the time to settle down with all your favorite seed catalogues and dream and plan for the season at hand. Don't forget to select some bold blooming dahlias for rewarding color.

Keep Notes On Your Garden Each Year

This way you can definitely improve your plantings. It helps you to remember the things you didn't do another year.

It is a good idea to collect your garden tools and repair any that may need it. A smooth handle and a sharp marking surface eases the work of the gardener.

Next month we'll talk on Home Entrances, Hanging baskets, Potted plants, and a toy port for the child's wheel toys.

We wish for you Continued Improvement of

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NO PLACE LIKE AROMAS

It has been my privilege to see a good share of the world. As a child our family moved to South Africa. We went on a tramp steamer and stopped at Lisbon, Portugal; Naples, Italy; Port Said, Egypt; then through Suez Canal to Aden. Out next stop was Beira, then Zanzibar, Dar es Salaam and last Delgoa Bay. From there we took the train for three days, and after forty-two more days by sea and land reached our destination—Pretoria, capitol of the Transvaal, Africa.

We stayed there through the Boer War. At its conclusion our house was confiscated and my mother given 24 hours notice to be ready to leave for Holland. I had seven brothers and sisters. One sister was helping a lady with small children and could not be reached—she was left behind. My mother hired someone to sell our belongings. Instead of reading the list of household goods, he read a piece of poetry not very complimentary to Queen Victoria. The military police took care of him. So my mother was her own auctioneer. She certainly was resourceful!

She got us on the train next morning; we boys in an open car, with a bunch of soldiers. I was having the time of my life until a soldier, demonstrating how he killed a Boer, broke a whiskey bottle over my eye brow—that spoiled my fun. We eventually reached Capetown and after about a week left for Holland.

When I was twenty years of age, not being satisfied with life in Holland, I came to the United States, and lived back East two years and then came to California where I met my wife.

We have seen a good deal of the country—up as far as Seattle on our yearly vacations. Once we went to Puerto Rico to see a sister. That was something to remember! Over-populated. and not enough work so people can make a living. So they legalized the lottery there—now everybody is trying to get rich.

The traffic is very heavy and they have the peculiar custom of driving with one hand on the wheel and the other on the horn. If they take off a fender in passing they smile pleasantly and drive happily on. At night the natives carry torches to keep from being run over. A week of it was plenty for us.

Coming back to New York, we took a subway train to the center of the town. Before going half a block, we were spotted. (I wonder what there is so outstanding about a stranger? They sure know them). We saw a good deal of interest: The Little Church around the Corner with a wedding going on; the U. N. Building; the Statue of Liberty; the Bowery—a hopeless place! How people can exist there is beyond me. We saw them drive drunks in groups to the police station; poor fellows lying in the gutters; others sitting on the curb, with bloody faces.

Seeing all of those things, makes a person begin to appreciate Aromas. We have good churches, up-to-date stores, organizations interested in our youth, a good school, and, for the good of all, The Aromas Improvement Association. We have friends and neighbors. (Let something befall you and you'll be pleasantly surprised how we stick together).

If we climb a little higher on our hill and look toward Watsonville at night, we have a view like approaching Naples at night—all it lacks is Mt. Vesuvius.

If Aromas had a good water system and sanitation district, I believe that it would grow by leaps and bounds. If someone doesn't believe it, drive around and see where people are building—almost any place where land is available.

Let us all work together to make this "best spot on earth" even better.

Sincerely yours, GERARD LAK

Who's New In Aromas

We extend our welcome to **Bill and Mable O'Hare** and their son **Phil,** an ex service man. They recently moved here from Fork of Salmon in Siskiyou County.

Mable O'Hare has taken over the newly decorated **Chew** and **Chat Cafe** at the Aromas Shopping Center. She will serve home cooked meals and home made pies, of which she is well known by the many fishermen, hunters and miners when she operated the O. H. Cafe in Fork of Salmon resort.

She also was manager and cook for three years for the school cafeteria there. With her warm friendly nature and capability, her cafe is bound to be a favorite spot.

Bill O'Hare, a retired railroad employee, who's main interests have been his gold mining claims on their property up north, says he will rest and enjoy our community. We wish them success.

Phil O'Hare an aviator of World War II and the Korean war was in on the first daylight bombing of Berlin. He has thirty missions to his credit in World War II and 150 missions in the Berlin Air Lift. Spent two years in the Korean air evacuation of the wounded from Korea to Honolulu. Then back in the States he flew the wounded from Travis Air Field to Washington, D. C.

Phil was a refrigeration and electric engineer before going into the service and hopes to get back into this field of work here. They especially like the friendliness of the people here and hope to settle in our community. We wish them success.

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Mr. and Mrs. Birch Caldwell of San Ardo, California are new residents in the Harry Totten apartment.

Mr. Caldwell is the nite telegraph operator for the Southern Pacific Railroad. His headquarters are the telegraphers car located on the railroad siding in Aromas.

Mrs. Bess Caldwell's chief interest is her home and loves gardening and flowers.

Birch is looking forward to retiring and enjoying his hobbies of out-door sports and fishing and photography. Their hopes are of buying a home and settling here.

They have two sons and a grandchild. We will be glad to have this couple as permanent residents and our neighbors. Good luck.

Calendar of Aromas Meetings

Grange—
Second and fourth Friday at Grange Hall, Master Alice Lewis.

Volunteer Firemen—
First Friday, Fire House. Dolan Marshall, Chief.

Dora Belden Girls—
Fourth Friday, at homes of members. President, Mrs. Ruth Batinich.

Improvement Association—
Second Wednesday, Civic Center. Tiny Cook, President.

P-T. A.—
Third Friday, school. Henry Fukuba, President.

Home Extension—
Second Tuesday, Fellowship Hall. Bonnie Caudill, President.

Boy Scouts—
Every Thursday, Scout Room, Civic Center, 7 o'clock. Harvey Assmussen, Master.

Girl Scouts, Troop 29—
Every Monday, Scout Room, Civic Center, 3:30. Ruby Hall, Leola Reed, Leaders.

Cubs—
Third Tuesday, old school, Leo Caudill, Master. Dens weekly in various homes.

Girl Scouts, Troop 31—
Every Thursday, Civic Center, 3:30. Kay Yoshida, Mrs. Wm. Stratton, Leaders.

Brownie Scouts, Troop 17—
Tuesday afternoons, Civic Center. Ethel McCandless, Mrs. R. Rayfield, Leaders.

Brownie Scouts, Troop 10—
Wednesday afternoons, Civic Center. Joy Clark, Marie Giorvas, Leaders.

Garden Club—
Fourth Thursday afternoon, Civic Center. Mildred German, President.

Church of Christ—
Bardue and Rose Ave. Brother Mason and Brother Eaker, Speakers.
Sunday Services, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Singing and Bible lessons, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Community Baptist Church—
Rev. Geo. Meyer, Pastor.
Carpenteria Avenue.
Sunday School, 9:45; Worship Service 11 a.m.; B.Y.F. 7:00 p.m.; Evening Worship, 8:00 p.m.

Men's Brotherhood—
Last Monday of month, Fellowship Hall. Bill Spurgeon, President. Pot Luck Supper each meeting.

Friendly Neighbors—
First Tuesday, at homes of members. Mrs. Wm. Franklin President.

Missionary Society—
Third Wednesday, 2 o'clock, Fellowship Hall. Wilma Haskin, President.

Ladies' Aid—
First Wednesday, 2 o'clock, Fellowship Hall. Mrs. W. Clinesmith, President.

Prayer Meeting—
Every Wednesday, Fellowship Hall.

T.H.H. Club—
Every Tuesday, 6:30. Smiley home. Shirley Malone, President.

Aromas Flames—
Second Tuesday. Mrs. Kenneth Marshall, President.

Flames' Card Party—
First Thursday of each month, 8:00 p.m., School.

Our Mailing Address

Our Editorial face was red after receiving the above note from Ed Hanna. How right he is!

Send brickbats and other thoughts to:
MRS. WALTER REED, Box 45, Aromas.
Send Memberships to:
MRS. SETH BIXLER, Aromas, California.

(The editor will also receive memberships and donations if you wish to send them with your brickbats.)

Chat With Art Greathead

"What can I do to make a living from my farm?" That's a question frequently asked by new people who have settled in the Prunedale, Aromas and Hall Districts. Many have bought small acreages with the idea of making at least a part of their living from the land but have been disappointed in the results.

Of course there are many things which an individual can do and each one must make his own choice. But one of the things which I always suggest for serious consideration is the poultry business. It's a farming enterprise suited to small acreage. Because our climate is cool the birds do better year round, and the problem of cooling eggs in the summer is much less. With California's rapidly increasing population our market is continually expanding. We still continue to consume more eggs than we produce.

Over the years the egg business has produced a good steady income for many families.

We have many bulletins on the economics and production of the poultry business. If you would like any of these just address a card to me at P. O. Box 1370, Salinas, I'll be glad to stop by and bring any of the bulletins you would like.

Quotes Of The Month

Ed Hanna: "We have been wanting to pay this dollar for some time now, but the Booster fails to give any address to which to send money, or to throw brickbats at the editor." (Maybe the editor was smart, huh?)

"The San Benito County Road Department has on hand a few small Monterey Pines, Hackberry, Russian Olive, Holly Leaf Cherry, etc., for planting along county roads. We will furnish them free of charge to anyone who will plant them within 25 feet of a county road."

Frank W. Bartlett; "Very nice paper—meets the need of a local news of interest in the community—can't even get that in the New York Times."

David and Violet Gardiner: "Here's five dollars toward your expenses for the Aromas Booster. We enjoy the paper very much and think it helps to pull Aromas together." (Editor's Note: That's one of its aims, and thanks so very much.)

The Last Word

A **Strew Ball** is a close relative of a **Screw Ball**, but a **Strew** Ball is really a worse character—because most **Screw** Balls can't help it—but **Strew** Balls can—they just don't stop to think of anybody but themselves.